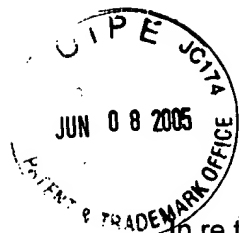


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For: OPTICAL AMPLIFYING APPARATUS, OPTICAL ADD/DROP MULTIPLEXER, AND
OPTICAL AMPLIFYING METHOD

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Communication was mailed on May 16, 2005. The Communication indicates that Fig. 10 is described in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but was not contained in the Drawings.

Therefore, enclosed is a copy of Fig. 10. Fig. 10 is properly described in detail on page 2, line 24, through page 3, line 7, of the specification. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added in the enclosed Fig. 10.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the enclosed Fig. 10 be entered in the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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